



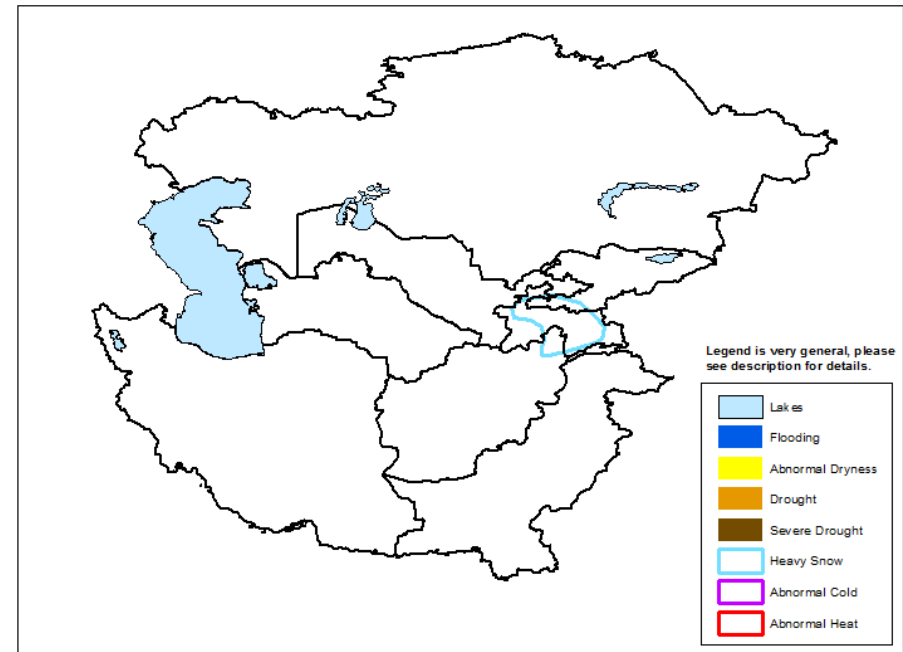
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 10 - 16, 2015

### **Temperatures:**

Much above-normal temperatures (3 to 7 degrees C) prevailed across most of the region from November 29 to December 5. Maximum temperatures warmed above freezing as far north as northern Kazakhstan, while maximum temperatures reached 30 degrees C in southern Turkmenistan. The GFS model indicates that above-normal temperatures are likely to persist through mid-December.

### **Precipitation**

During the past week, light to moderate precipitation (less than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) was observed across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and northern Uzbekistan. Dry weather prevailed across the remainder of the region. Precipitation has averaged at or above-normal during the past 30 days throughout Central Asia. Since the beginning of October, snow water volume has been above-average across the basins of northeastern Afghanistan and western Tajikistan, according to model analyses. Widespread precipitation is expected across the region during the next week with locally heavy snow (25 mm or more, liquid equivalent) possible at the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.



**Note:** The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.